Stations" spread over the Indian Railway network. On Board cleaning and Housekeeping is presently being carried out in few prestigious trains and the scheme is proposed to be extended to other important long distance trains.

Introduction of new trains

2109. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals for introduction of new trains are pending with his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan made certain proposals;

(c) if so, what are the details of those proposals; and

(d) what is the criterion for introduction of new trains, and on what grounds the proposals received from the State of Rajasthan are not being accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 29 pairs of new trains announced in Rail Budgets are still to be introduced.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received from Government of Rajasthan. However, representations are received from people's representatives of Rajasthan, *inter alia*, regarding introduction of trains. These are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken.

(d) New train services are introduced subject to traffic justification, availability of resources, operational feasibility etc. Introduction of new trains is an ongoing exercise over Indian Railways and new train services are gradually provided irrespective of geographical boundaries every year. 6 pairs of new trains services announced in Railway Budget 2007-08 will serve Rajasthan.

New proposals for gauge conversion in Rajasthan

2110. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new proposals for gauge conversion of Rajasthan State have been included in the Rail Budget 2005-06 for conducting survey work;

(b) what is the time-frame fixed up by his Ministry for the survey of above gauge conversion works; and

(c) what is the criteria for sanctioning these new gauge conversion works after completion of survey?